

U. S. Coal Allotment for Middle West Increased

Washington, Dec. 5.—After a conference with Fuel Administrator Garfield, Senator Cummins, of Iowa, announced today that the fuel administration had agreed to increase by 50 per cent, the coal allotment for Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas.

Socialism Reverts Back To Slavery, Says Pastor

(By International News Service.)
Columbus, Ohio.—"Socialism is but a reversion back to the days of slavery," according to Rev. Dr. Durt D. Evans, a local clergyman.

Discussing "The Programme and the Promise of Socialism," Rev. Dr. Evans said socialists have pictured a land where work is equally distributed. "No one would own a state of life, but who would produce the irksome, tedious and tiresome work of the world?"

Interstate Commerce Body Renews Recommendations

Washington, Dec. 5.—(A. P.)—The annual report of the interstate commerce commission, submitted to congress today, is comparatively brief and makes few recommendations.

Federal control of railways during the war, having taken over many functions of the commission, the report makes mainly recommendations made in previous years.

It is recommended that the power to award reparations for unreasonable or unlawful charges be placed wholly in the courts; that the powers of the commission be extended to holding corporations as well as those which actually operate interstate transportation lines, and that the railroad operating rules be standardized.

The commission reports again that in many cases its work has been obstructed because of necessary records and data could not be obtained from holding companies.

From its investigations of train accidents the commission's investigators concluded that the failure of engineers to obey signals and failure to provide adequate flag protection for trains continued to be the principal causes of collisions. The use of automatic train control was again recommended.

The investigators also found, the report says, that there was room for more improvement in the air brake equipment of trains.

PRESIDENT WORKS MORE

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson will be allowed to do "more work" now on, Dr. Grayson announced this afternoon.

"The president's improvement is as great as could be expected," Dr. Grayson stated.

The president left his wheel chair today and worked at a desk, it is understood. He spent the entire morning working on a state paper, Dr. Grayson said.

PERSHING BEGINS TOUR

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 4.—Gen. Pershing arrived here today for inspection of Camp Lee, his first stop on a tour which will include virtually every army post in the south.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

New York, Dec. 4.—Merchandise paper, 5 1/2 @ 60 per cent. Sterling 60-day bills, 3.87; commercial 60-day bills on banks, 3.87; commercial 60-day bills, 3.86 1/2; demand, 3.81; cables, 3.91 1/2; francs 100, 10.25; cables, 10.23; golders demand 28 1/2-16; cables, 28 1/2-16; lire demand, 12 1/2; cables, 12 1/2; government bonds strong; railroad bonds strong; time loans, strong; 60 days, 90 days and six months, 7 per cent. bid.

Call money, easy; ruling rate, 6 per cent.; bank acceptances, 4 1/2 per cent.

TEXTILE LEADER ARRESTED

Anderson, S. C., Dec. 4.—H. F. Lawson, said to be the textile union organizer who arrived here Tuesday from Atlanta, was seized near here last night by a party of men, and was whipped, divested of his clothes and painted from head to foot with heavy lead oil, according to reports brought here.

An Editor Recommends

"E-DROPS" Rheumatic Sufferers

Mr. L. P. Hill, editor Enterprise, Enaley, Ala., writes: "I want to tell you that I have been living in this district for the past 27 years and there is no man that is better known than I am. I tell you this because I want you to know that I am no stranger to the people. About twenty days ago I was down on my hands and feet, and I was in the worst case of rheumatism and I began to use your medicine and in about a week I was on my feet again. People all over Birmingham and Enaley were astonished to see me get well so quick and wanted to know what medicine I took. I told them 'E-DROPS' and every man who has the rheumatism knows of your medicine and say they will use it. I am telling every one of the virtue of your remedy and I am sure it will increase the sale of same. Such evidence as this should be sufficient to prove to any person the value of 'E-DROPS' in rheumatism."

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MODERN MEMORIES OF OLIVET

The International Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 7 is "Peter and John Asleep in Gethsemane"—Mark xiv:32-54.

(BY WILLIAM T. ELLIS.)

The International Sunday school lesson for Dec. 7 is "Peter and John Asleep in Gethsemane." Mark xiv:32-54. It was only last summer that I sojourne in Jerusalem and visited, respectively, the Mount of Olivet, on the western slopes of which is the Garden of Gethsemane—symbol of the ordeal of all spirits who suffer self-renunciation to the point of agony; and scene of the actual ordeal of Jesus.

Was here last this hallowed spot untouched; the British refused to bombard Jerusalem. From the wall of the city, within the temple enclosure, the Mount Olivet looks like a collection of gardens with high walls and circuitous roads. Socratican seas has enclosed all the traditional sites within these high limestone walls; so that the soldiers on top of the many motor lorries that pass to and from the Jericho camp can scarcely see over the top of them.

Inside the enclosure of the Franciscans is what is generally regarded as the true site of the Garden of Gethsemane. Certainly it was somewhere within a few yards of this spot that the Saviour underwent his agony of the bloody sweat. Devotion wants to agree with the saintly old monk who has for so many years and who, for the garden, that this venerable olive tree, an ancient giant, gnarled and twisted, but still bearing fruit after many centuries, was the identical tree under Jesus prayed alone. Such as these were "the little green leaves" that were kind to him.

"'Tis midnight; and on Olivet's brow The star is dimmed that lately shone; 'Tis midnight; in the garden, now, The suffering Saviour prays alone."

"'Tis midnight; and, from all removed, Emmanuel wrestles lone with fears; Head not his Master's brief and tears."

"'Tis midnight; and, for others' guilt, The Man of Sorrows weeps in blood; Yet he that hath in anguish knelt Is not forsaken by his God."

One night three of us, Americans, went out from our hotel near the Jaffa Gate, and, crossing the city, and the Brook Kedron, we climbed the steep road up to the crest of the Mount of Olivet. Several times we paused to look back upon the city at our feet. It was, we know, upon just such a night, with the effulgence of the full moon bathing the landscape, that our Lord went out for the last time to this hillside which he loved so much upon the city of His desire.

There lay Jerusalem, softened and beautified by the moonlight. All the ugliness which sunlight reveals was gone. Near us, on the site of Solomon's Temple, rose the Dome of the Rock. Other mosques with cupolas, and the two German church towers, and the dome of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, were clearly visible; and here and there in the city a feeble light shone.

A beauty as of charity enveloped it all; and to the visitor come thronging memories of the prophets, saints and martyrs; the soldiers, kings and travelers, who had found fulfillment in their hearts' desire in viewing the Holy City from this hillside male sacred by the supreme experience of the Redeemer. Something of His yearning and compassion for this city of David wells up toward it, and all the other cities which today shelter blind-

ness and unbelief and sin and perplexity. Over the spirit there steals a sense of confidence; verily, the travail of his soul shall be satisfied. Even the presence of the British soldiers symbolizes an answer to the prayer of Jesus.

Once this hillside echoed to the shouts of the Roman soldiers and the Jewish temple police, as they exulted over the capture of the Master. For years, it had been jubilant with the hosannas of the multitudes who acclaimed him as Conqueror. Amid the shadows of these rocks the frightened disciples scurried for cover at the hour when Jesus needed them most. But above all else, the memory recurs that this friendly hillside was Christ's favorite place of prayer. Here he met the father; and here all suffering spirits meet him in the earlier years. Ella Wheeler Wilcox saw this clearly:

"In golden youth, when seems the earth A summer land for singing mirth: When souls are glad and hearts are light And not a shadow lurks in sight, We do not know it, but there lies Somewhere veiled under evening skies, A garden all must sometime see— Somewhere lies our Gethsemane."

"With joyous steps we go our ways, Love lends a halo to our days, Light sorrows sail like clouds afar; We laugh, and say how strong we are."

We hurry on, and hurrying, go Close to the borderland of woe, That waits for us and waits for me— Forever waits Gethsemane."

"Down shadowy lanes, across strange streams, Bridged over by our broken dreams, Behind the misty caps of years, Close to the great self-fount of tears, The garden lies; strive as you may, You cannot miss it in your way. All paths that have been, or shall be, Pass somewhere through Gethsemane."

"All those who journey, soon or late, Must pass within that garden's gate, Must kneel alone in darkness there, And battle with some fierce despair. Not mine, but thine, who only pray, 'Let this cup pass,' and cannot see The purpose in Gethsemane."

All time that has been and will be focused its supreme tragedy upon this gray hillside. Our lesson story itself is more important than any comment. I quote the Weymouth version:

"So they came to a place called Gethsemane. There He said to His disciples: 'Sit down here till I have prayed.' 'Then He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be full of terror and distress, and He said to them: 'My heart is oppressed with anguish to the very point of death; wait here and keep awake.'"

Going forward a short distance He threw Himself upon His face and prayed repeatedly that, if it was possible, He might be spared that time of agony; and He said:

"Abba! My Father! all things are possible for Thee; take this cup of suffering away from me; yet not what I desire, but what Thou desirest."

"Then He came and found them asleep, and He said to Peter: 'Simon, are you asleep? Had you not strength to keep awake a single hour? Be wakeful, all of you, and keep on praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the body is frail.'"

"He again went away and prayed, using the very same words. When He returned He again found them asleep, for they were very tired; and they knew not how to answer Him. A third time He came and said to them: 'Sleep on and rest. Enough! the hour has come. Even now they are betraying the Son of Man into the hands of sinful men. Rouse yourselves, let us be going; my betrayer is close at hand.'"

"Immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came and with him a crowd of men armed with swords and daggers, sent by the high priest and scribes and elders. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them."

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"CHRONIC OBJECTOR"



Washington.—They call Representative Thomas L. Blanton, of Texas, the "chronic objector of the house." He has insisted on 134 roll calls during the past session of congress. A roll call takes forty minutes. It costs the government \$10 a minute. Total cost, \$13,400. Blanton was the only member of the house to vote against the \$3 minimum wage bill.

Seven Sentence Sermons. People who live only to amuse themselves work harder at the task than most people do in earning their daily bread.—Hannah More.

It is right to be contented with what we have but never with what we are.—Amen.

Fed by discouragements, taught by So it goes forward, now slower, now faster.

Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues.—Fuller.

Do not decry; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.—Gal. vii.

Weakness is not a crime, it seems to me. 'Tis only noble to be good; Kind hearts are more than coronets, And simple faith than Norman blood.

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